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United Arab Emirates – Seasparrow Ship to Air Missiles

On 23 May, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the United Arab Emirates of Evolved Seasparrow Missiles and associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$245 Million.

The Government of United Arab Emirates (UAE) has requested a possible sale of 237 Evolved Seasparrow Missiles (ESSM), containers, spare and repair parts, shipboard equipment, support and test equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$245 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

The proposed sale of ESSM missiles will provide a self-defense battlespace and firepower against known faster, lower, smaller and more maneuverable anti-ship missile threats. This improvement will enhance UAE's ability to support the coalition defense posture.

Evolved Seasparrow missiles will fulfill UAE naval surface-to-air missile requirements. The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

The principle contractors will be Raytheon Systems, Incorporated of Tucson, Arizona. One or more proposed offset agreements may be related to this proposed sale.

Implementation of this sale will require the assignment of one contractor representative in-country support for an unspecified period of time depending on the needs of the UAE. There will be up to 12 each U.S. Government and contractor representatives during several overseas visits of the proposed location of the Intermediate Level Maintenance Facility for technical design and construction reviews.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

This notice of a potential sale is required by law; it does not mean that the sale has been concluded.